NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE STAFF HEARING OFFICER TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, 9:00 A.M.* (SEE NOTE BELOW) DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

APPLICATION OF AB ARCHITECTS FOR SANTA BARBARA BEACH HOUSE HOTEL, LP, 121 STATE STREET, APN 033-075-001 and -002, HRC-2/SD-3 (HOTEL AND RELATED COMMERCE/COASTAL) ZONES, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: HOTEL AND RELATED COMMERCE II (MST2010-00390)

The proposed project involves interior and exterior renovations of an existing hotel on a 9,962 square foot lot. Improvements include new storefront windows, doors, awnings and lighting. The existing parking lot will be improved with new landscaping planters and will be restriped to provide nine uncovered parking spaces. New trash and mechanical wall enclosures with trellis structures are also proposed. Interior alterations would reduce the number of hotel rooms from 53 to 41 under a separate permit. The discretionary application required for this project is a Modification to allow alterations within the required 20 foot front setback on State Street (SBMC §28.22.060.A.). No new floor area is proposed within the front setback.

The Environmental Analyst has determined that the project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15305.

You are invited to attend this hearing and address your verbal comments to the Staff Hearing Officer. Written comments are also welcome up to the time of the hearing, and should be addressed to the Staff Hearing Officer Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990 or via email to SHOSecretary@santabarbaraca.gov. This is the only notification you will receive for this development application. The scope of this project may be modified under further review. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for this item, please contact Danny Kato, Senior Planner at (805) 564-5470 extension 2567, or by email at dkato@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check the City Calendar on our website to verify office closure dates.

If you, as an aggrieved party or applicant, disagree with the decision of the Staff Hearing Officer regarding the outcome of this application, you may appeal the decision to the Planning Commission. The appeal, accompanied by the appropriate filing fee per application, must be filed at the Planning & Zoning Counter within ten calendar days of the Staff Hearing Officer's decision. If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Staff Hearing Officer at, or prior to the public hearing.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division at 805-564-5470, extension 3308. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

- * NOTE: The regular Staff Hearing Officer meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. On Thursday, April 14, 2011, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, will be available at 630 Garden Street. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/sho. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.
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